GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MICRO,SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES
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MSME Hub for SC/ST
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Will the Minister of MICRO,SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched any hub to provide professional support to entrepreneurs belonging to the Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe (SC/ST) in the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) sector in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the area of focus of work of the hubs regarding market access, training and financial support; and

(c) the details of the funds allocated/ released for establishment of new SC/ST owned MSMEs and number of jobs generated therefrom during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF
MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES
(SHRI HARIBHAI PARTHIBHAI CHAUDHARY)

(a) to(c): Yes, Madam. In pursuance of Budget Announcement 2016-17, the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) has launched the National Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe (SC/ST) Hub. This scheme is being implemented through the National Small Industries Corporation Ltd. (NSIC), a public sector undertaking under the Ministry of MSME. The SC/ST Hub would provide professional support to SC/ST entrepreneurs to fulfill the obligations under the Public Procurement Policy for Micro and Small Enterprises, adopt applicable business practices and leverage the Stand up India initiative. The functions of the Hub include collection, collation and dissemination of information regarding SC/ST enterprises and entrepreneurs, capacity building among existing and prospective SC/ST entrepreneurs through skill training and Entrepreneurs Development Programmes (EDPs), vendor development programmes, promoting participation of SC/ST entrepreneurs in exhibitions trade fairs, facilitating SC/ST entrepreneurs' participating in public procurement and monitoring the progress, etc. The total estimated budget for the SC/ST Hub Scheme for the period 2016-20 is Rs. 490 crore.

Further, the SC/ST Hub Scheme for special subsidy for SC/ST entrepreneurs under Single Point Registration Scheme, Marketing Assistance Scheme and Performance and Credit Rating Scheme has been approved.